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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN AND HUNTER, CARRIE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REFS: A. DAR ES SALAAM 1962, B. DAR ES SALAAM 1977 AND
C. DAR ES SALAAM 1980

1. CONFIRMING JUNE 9 TELECON WITH AMBASSADOR CARTER, WE
UNDERSTAND THAT GOT COMMENTARY ADDRESSED TO THE REBELS
(PARA 3, REF C) HAS NOT YET BEEN ISSUED. ALTHOUGH WE
SHARE EMBASSY'S MEASURED GRATIFICATION OVER PRESIDENT
NYERERE'S SUDDEN ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOSTAGES'
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RELEASE, WE FEEL SOME CONCERN, ON THE BASIS OF HIS EARLIER

EXPRESSED POSITIONS, REGARDING SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION HE MAY HAVE IN MIND. WE ACCORDINGLY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT EMBASSY'S INTENTION TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOT OFFICIALS AT THIS IMPORTANT JUNCTURE.

2. PRP'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR CARTER QUOTED REF A IS OPEN TO NUMBER OF INTERPRETATIONS. WHILE DEFENSIVE, ALMOST PLAINTIVE TONE OF SOME PASSAGES MAY PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT, THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT TRUE OF REITERATION OF ARMS DEMAND AND RENEWED FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES EXPRESSED BY STUDENTS. COMMENTS AWAITED WITH INTEREST.

3. PREFER TO DEFER RESPONSE TO QUERY IN PARA 7, REF B PENDING CLARIFICATION NYERERE'S INTENTIONS. OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE IS OF COURSE STUDENTS' SAFE RETURN, UTILIZING WHATEVER PROCEDURE SEEMS MOST LIKELY TO ACHIEVE THAT RESULT. KISSINGER

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